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Robbins and Tritz

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THE TREATMENT OF
PROLIFERATIVE SKIN AND
EYE DISEASES

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STATEMENT

Applicants acknowledge the Notice of Allowance of this case, mailed November 5, 2003. Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's Amendment, mailed along with the Notice.

In the Amendment, the Examiner refers to an interview with Applicants' representative on October 28, 2003. Applicants wish to clarify that at this interview, as well as at previous interviews, Applicants corrected an unintentional error in Applicants' declaration, which was mailed on April 1, 2003.

Specifically, the data submitted in the declaration that referred to SEQ ID NO:4385 actually refers to a sequence that is slightly different than SEQ ID NO:4385. More particularly, SEQ ID NO:4385 has a "c" in

the eighth position from the left. In the data presented in the declaration, the corresponding position is a "c" (in italics), which means this position is methylated.

The Examiner understood this correction and allowed the claims with this understanding. As pointed out to the Examiner, because the sequence introduced in the declaration is slightly different, it exemplifies use of another species within the scope of the allowed genus.

Respectfully submitted,

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